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SUBJ: FOLLOW-UP TO THE DECEMBER COUNCIL MINISTERIAL MEETING

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF SYG LUNS' PO ON FOLLOW-UP TO DECEMBER
COUNCIL MINISTERIAL MEETING, INTENDED TO GUIDE DISCUSSION
UNDER THIS AGENDA ITEM AT DECEMBER 19 NAC.

BEGIN TEXT:

THIS NOTE SETS OUT MY UNDERSTANDING OF THE ACTION
REQUIRED FOLLOWING THE COUNCIL MEETING IN MINISTERIAL SESSION
ON 10TH AND 11TH DECEMBER, 1973.

I. ATLANTIC RELATIONS

MINISTERS HAVE INSTRUCTED THAT THE COUNCIL SHOULD
PURSUE ITS WORK ON A JOINT DECLARATION ON ATLANTIC RELATIONS
TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION. THE DECLARATION SHOULD REFLECT
A PERSEPCTIVE COMMENSURATE WITH THE CHALLENGES OF THE FUTURE.
THE COUNCIL WILL WISH TO CONTINUE THIS WORK EXPEDITIOUSLY.

II. ALLIANCE CONSULTATION

MINISTERS INSTRUCTED THE COUNCIL TO CONSIDER THE
MOST APPROPRIATE MEANS OF ENSURING THE FULL EFFECTIVENESS
OF ALLIANCE CONSULTATION. FROM THE DISCUSSION AT THE MINISTERIAL
MEETING TWO ASPECTS OF THIS PROBLEM EMERGED WHICH THE COUNCIL
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WILL WISH TO TAKE UP: FIRST, THE QUESTION OF ORGANIZATION
OF CONSULTATION, INCLUDING THE POSSIBILITY THAT DEPUTY FOREIGN
MINISTERS OR DIRECTORS GENERAL OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS PARTICIPATE
FROM TIME TO TIME IN MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL; SECONDLY, THE

QUESTION OF THE SCOPE OF CONSULTATION, AND PARTICULARLY THE PROBLEM OF CONSULTATION ON PROBLEMS GEOGRAPHICALLY OUTSIDE THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY AREA, AND ALSO THE SUBJECTS, SUCH AS ENERGY.

III. REORGANIZATION OF MINISTERIAL MEETINGS

MINISTERS CONSIDERED THE QUESTION OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THEIR OWN TWICE-YEARLY MEETINGS, AND HOW THEIR DEBATES MIGHT BE MADE AS STIMULATING AND FRUITFUL AS POSSIBLE. THE COUNCIL, WHICH HAS ALREADY GIVEN SOME ATTENTION TO THIS MATTER, WILL WISH TO PURSUE IT FURTHER.

IV. ALLIED FORCE LEVELS AND COSTS

MINISTERS EXPRESSED THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE STATEMENTS CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPHS 9-12 OF THE COMMUNIQUE OF THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 7TH DECEMBER. THE COUNCIL WILL WISH TO ENSURE, AS APPROPRIATE, THAT THE ACTION ENVISAGED IN THESE PARAGRAPHS IS CARRIED FORWARD.

V. CSCE

MINISTERS REAFFIRMED THE DETERMINATION OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS TO CONTINUE TO PURSUE THE NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA CONSTRUCTIVELY. THE COUNCIL WILL WISH TO MAINTAIN ITS OVERALL SURVEILLANCE OF THIS SUBJECT.

VI. MBFR

MINISTERS INSTRUCTED THE COUNCIL TO PURSUE ITS WORK ON THE MBFR NEGOTIATIONS. THE COUNCIL WILL WISH TO CONTINUE TO FOLLOW CLOSELY THE PROGRESS OF THE TALKS IN VIENNA AND TO PROVIDE TIMELY GUIDANCE TO THE AD HOC GROUP. DEVELOPMENT OF A DETAINED ALLIED NEGOTIATING POSITION ON "ASSOCIATED MEASURES" MAY REQUIRE PRIORITY.

VII. MEDITERRANEAN

MINISTERS INVITED THE COUNCIL TO CONTINUE TO KEEP THE SITUATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN UNDER REVIEW AND TO REPORT FURTHER.

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VIII. CCMS

MINISTERS AGREED THAT THE CCMS SHOULD CONTINUE WITH ITS CURRENT STUDIES AND OTHER PROJECTS.

A. I SUGGEST THAT WE DISCUSS THE ABOVE (I.E., ITEMS I THROUGH VIII) AT OUR COUNCIL MEETING ON 19TH DECEMBER.

2. I SHALL BE CIRCULATING A SEPARATE MEMORANDUM ON ACTION REQUIRED TO FOLLOW UP THE MEETING OF THE DEFENCE MINISTERS ON 7TH DECEMBER.

END TEXT.RUMSFELD

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